



EXERCISE: Complete the text with the PAST form of the verbs in brackets.



- Shakira is perhaps the most recognizable voice in Latin pop/rock today. When she -----(BE) only 8, she-----(DEDICATE) her first song called "Tus gafas oscuras", to her father. Two years later, she-----(WIN) local and national talent contests. By 13, she had signed a record deal with Sony in Colombia, which-----(RESULT) in her first album, "Magia (Magic)", a compilation of songs she-----(WRITE) between 8 and 13 years old. She was chosen to represent her country at the Festival OTI in Spain. But she was under the minimum age of 16 and she -----(CAN NOT) participate. So instead, Shakira -----(RECORD) a second album of original material, "Peligro (Danger)". At that point, Shakira-----(TAKE) a break from music, -----(GRADUATE) from high school (at age 15-really) and back with a vengeance. The result was the phenomenally successful "Pies Descalzos" which-----(SELL) more than four million copies worldwide. In addition, this determined girl -----(WANT) to try her luck as an actress in "Oasis", a soap opera, but she -----(THINK) music was her life instead of TV. Then she---- (BEGIN) to be very popular: the Colombian government----- (DESIGNATE) Shakira as an official goodwill ambassador.



Do you like her music? Why?